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Decisions on budgetary matters of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for 2013-2014

1. The Meeting of States Parties, having considered the draft budget proposals of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for 2013-2014 (SPLOS/2012/WP.1), approved the amount of 21,239,120 euros as the budget of the Tribunal for 2013-2014, which represents a 3 per cent reduction of the proposed budget as it appears in annex I to the above-mentioned document.

2. Pursuant to regulation 5.3 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the Tribunal (SPLOS/120), the contributions of States parties for each of the two years of the biennium 2013-2014 shall be determined on the basis of half of the appropriations adopted by the Meeting of States Parties for that financial period. On the basis of the report on budgetary matters for the financial periods 2009-2010 and 2011-2012 (SPLOS/242), the Meeting notes that the surplus cash from the financial period 2009-2010 (€1,873,979) will be surrendered and deducted from the contributions of States parties for 2013, in accordance with financial regulation 4.

3. Without prejudice to the application of the provisions of article 19 of annex VI to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea in respect of future budgets of the Tribunal regarding the contribution to be made by the International Seabed Authority, the budget of the Tribunal for 2013-2014 will be financed by all States and international organizations that are parties to the Convention. The European Union indicated that the amount of the agreed contribution to the budget of the Tribunal would be 96,000 euros for each year.

4. The Meeting also decided that a floor rate of 0.01 per cent and a ceiling rate of 22 per cent are to be used in establishing the rate of assessment of States parties for the budget of the Tribunal for 2013-2014.

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